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Notification of Non-Compliance With 37 CFR 1.192(c)	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

The Appeal Brief filed on 10 September 2004 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c). See MPEP § 1206.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file IN TRIPPLICATE a complete new brief in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192(c) within the longest of any of the following three **TIME PERIODS**: (1) **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer; (2) **TWO MONTHS** from the date of the notice of appeal; or (3) within the period for reply to the action from which this appeal was taken. **EXTENSIONS OF THESE TIME PERIODS MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.**

1. The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 1.192(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, pending or cancelled, or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 1.192(c)(3)).
3. At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 1.192(c)(4)).
4. The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the claimed invention, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 1.192(c)(5)).
5. The brief does not contain a concise statement of the issues presented for review (37 CFR 1.192(c)(6)).
6. A single ground of rejection has been applied to two or more claims in this application, and
 - (a) the brief omits the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet presents arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
 - (b) the brief includes the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet does not present arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
7. The brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each issue on appeal (37 CFR 1.192(c)(8)).
8. The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 1.192(c)(9)).
9. Other (including any explanation in support of the above items):

(See attached)



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DETAILED ACTION

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Appellant's Notice of Appeal has been Entered.

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The appeal brief presented on September 10th, 2004 is in non-compliance with 37 CFR 1.192 for the following reason(s):

Appellant has indicated a single grouping of claims to stand or fall together while those claims are imparted with two distinct rejections. This single grouping for the challenge of multiple rejections is improper. Appellant must either separate the rejected claims into groups reflective of the multiple rejections on appeal or provide a statement of basis for the claims under the same rejection that do not stand or fall together. It appears Appellant has grouped all the claims under a single grouping , however the stated appeal holdings is presented in two groups (See Brief Paragraph VI & 37 CFR 1.192 (C)(7). Hence it is unclear whether claim 1 stands or falls with claims 2-17 or whether each grouping is separate.

Appellant has stated that all claims stand or fall together in paragraph VII and then has proceeded to argue claims 1 and 2-17 separately. Applicant is not permitted to argue multiple claims in a single grouping. Appellant must choose a single claim to serve as representative of each group presented or one will be so chosen by the board in absence Appellant's arguments to treat separate. It is therefor suggested that the applicant choose a claim representative of each

grouping presented and clearly designate this representative claim for future clarity.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert Mosser whose telephone number is (571)-272-4451. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-4:30 Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris H Banks can be reached on (571)272-4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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